

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Peter F. Malen, Jr. on 03/12/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 8, line 3, the phrase "the bypass data path" is now changed to --the bypass data path.--.

In claim 25, line 2, the phrase "the XFP MSA." is now changed to -- a XFP MSA.--.

In claim 34, line 2, the phrase "the Fibre Channel protocol." is now changed to --a Fibre Channel protocol.--.

In claim 35, line 17, the phrase "the XFP MSA." is now changed to -- a XFP MSA.--.

In claim 36, line 2, the phrase "the Fibre Channel protocol." is now changed to --a Fibre Channel protocol.--.

In claim 41, line 2, the phrase "the XFP MSA." is now changed to -- a XFP MSA.--.

In claim 43, line 2, the phrase "the Fibre Channel protocol." is now changed to --a Fibre Channel protocol.--.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hanh Phan whose telephone number is (571)272-3035.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Chan, can be reached on (571)272-3022. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)305-4700.

/Hanh Phan/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2613